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1921

The Baptist Temple
Crisfield
public worship

Outscaling the neighboring dwellings on Somerset Avenue and Main Street, the Baptist Temple stands out as the most impressive neoclassical building in Somerset County. An Ionic columned portico with an decorated pedimented dominates the Somerset Avenue elevation, while a polygonal drum supports the red-tile dome. The sides of the octagonal drum are pierced by round arched windows and trimmed with acroteria. The red-tile dome is topped by a rounded finial. Gabled side elevations render an illusion of a Greek-cross plan.

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Maryland		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY	
COUNTY Somerset		INVENTORY	
TOWN	CRISFIELD VICINITY	2. NAME The Baptist Temple	
STREET NO. Somerset Ave. & W. Main St (MD 380)		DATE OR PERIOD 1921	
ORIGINAL OWNER Baptist Church & parsonage		STYLE Classic Revival	
ORIGINAL USE religious		ARCHITECT	
PRESENT OWNER Baptist Church & Parsonage		BUILDER	
PRESENT USE religious		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
WALL CONSTRUCTION brick			
NO. OF STORIES 3			
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION			
OPEN TO PUBLIC			
<p>The bright color of the ^{beige} red brick with its contrasting white trim and general large scale give the Baptist Temple a prominent place in the town of Crisfield. Built in 1921, the temple is a three story brick structure with Ionic porticos on both street facades. The west facade, however, is the entrance and has a grand stair up to the main floor. The roof appears to be nearly flat behind a balustrade wall which caps the large classical cornice. At the center of the building is a huge octagonal dome with a ball finial atop the tile roof. The west portico is recessed into the structure and entrance to the interior is gained from the sides of the portico. The fenestration is combination of rectangular and semi-circular arched windows. Because of the classical overtones, the building could be classified as a classical revival building.</p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE			
Endangered no Interior good Exterior good			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)			
7. PHOTOGRAPH			
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Michael O. Bourne Maryland Historical Trust 2525 Riva Road Annapolis, Maryland 21401 DATE OF RECORD June, 1970	

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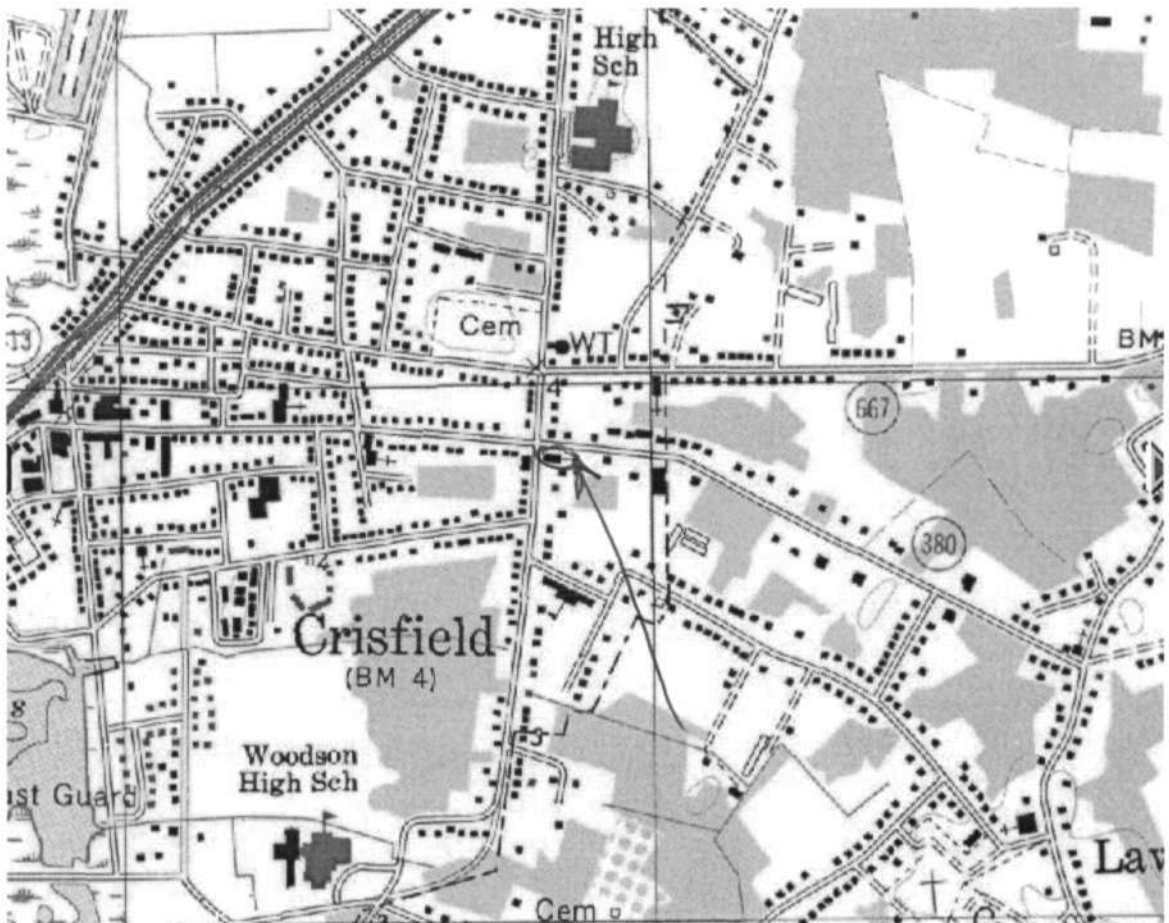
Baptist Temple

Somerset Ave. and Main St.

Crisfield

Crisfield Quad.

Somerset County





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THE BAPTIST TEMPLE

Crisfield, Somerset Co., MD

NW elev. of church during construct.

Photographer unknown, c. 1920

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